

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the pending claims, 4-5, are set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (currently amended), (previously presented) or (cancelled). Please CANCEL claims 1-3 and 6-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND claim 4 in accordance with the following:

1-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) A store sales proceed depositing machine ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~ having a deposit operation panel located at one side of the machine and, inside the machine, a cash storage unit and an external communications unit to notify a cash logistics company of deposit data through a public line, the machine comprising:

a cashing operation panel located at another side of the machine different from the side at which the deposit operation panel is located;

a cashing controller, a second cash storage unit storing a predetermined amount of cash for a cashing service, a cash temporary holder removing and temporarily holding a cashed amount from the second cash storage unit, and a cashing processor dispensing cash from the cash temporary holder and issuing a receipt, the cashing controller, the second cash storage unit, the cash temporary holder, and the cashing processor being located inside the machine;
and

a cash apportioner located before the cash storage unit to apportion deposited cash between the cash storage unit and the second cash storage unit, a part of the deposited cash being used to resupply the cash in the second cash storage unit,

wherein the external communications unit communicates with a financial institution,

wherein the cashing controller performs processing to verify a person performing the cashing operation, determine whether to authorize cashing by confirming a balance in a savings account of the person, dispense cash to be reimbursed from the savings account when authorizing cashing, and provide cashing data to the financial institution and to the cash logistics company, and

wherein the cash apportioner changes a ratio of apportionment of the deposited cash with a balance of cash for the cashing service in the second cash storage unit being the predetermined amount.

5. (previously presented) A store sales proceed depositing machine as set forth in claim 4, wherein the external communications unit notifies the cash logistics company of the deposit data and an amount of cash apportioned by the cash apportioner to the second cash storage unit for use by the cash logistics company to maintain consistency between an amount of sales proceeds deposited and an amount of cash retrieved by the cash logistics company.

6-11. (cancelled)